

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air STOLEN HONOR, an anti-Kerry undocumented "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. If Sinclair broadcasts the so-called documentary it should air the pro Kerry documentary GOING UPRIVER to provide a more balanced programming. If Sinclair does air the anti Kerry program it reminds me of a totalitarian dictatorships that only feed the people what the dictatorship wants the public to know. And then shame on them and Sinclair should be UN-licensed.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.
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